



**U.S. Department of Justice**  
Drug Enforcement Administration

Case Number: 12-00361-F

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Subject: Requesting information relating to "Bitcoin" and "Silk Road", created and/or modified between June 2011 and June 2012 in DEA offices located in Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, New England, New York, Miami, St Louis, and Washington DC

Runa A. Sandvik  
MuckRock News  
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Boston, Massachusetts 02205-5819

Dear Ms. Sandvik:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Act (FOI/PA) request dated June 14, 2012, addressed to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit (SARF), seeking access to information regarding the above subject.

Your request falls short of the requirements of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(3)(A), since it is not filed in accordance with agency rules. The Department of Justice (DOJ) Rules, contained at 28 C.F.R. § 16.3(a) provides that "if you are making a request for records about yourself see §16.41(d) for additional requirements. If you are making a request for records about another individual, either a written authorization signed by that individual permitting disclosure of those records to you or proof that individual is deceased (for example, a copy proof a death certificate or an obituary) will help the processing of your request."

DEA is a component of the Department of Justice whose primary responsibility is the enforcement of Federal criminal laws related to the illicit trafficking in controlled substances and chemicals, including the Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, 21 U.S.C. § 801 et seq. See 28 C.F.R. § 0.100. DEA maintains several types of records that include criminal and administrative investigatory records, regulatory records, administrative, program records, financial records and personnel records. Under the FOIA an agency is not required to research a topic, create records or engage in a far reaching search of every record system to satisfy a FOIA request.

The information that you request could be maintained in any one of several DEA record systems, including the DEA Investigative Reporting and Filing System (IRFS), DEA Correspondence Files, and/or several field or headquarters offices throughout DEA. Many of these systems are Privacy Act (PA) Systems of Records and the information maintained relate to the activities and actions of individuals. Generally, since our investigative records and systems involve the activities of individuals engaged in the illicit trafficking in controlled substances, the name, date of birth, and social security number are required to locate information, and a release authorization or other information as described in 28 C.F.R. 16.3(a) is required.

If you wish to appeal any denial of your request, you must make your appeal in writing and it must be received by the Office of Information Policy within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter pursuant to 28 C.F.R. 16.9. The appeal should be sent to the following address, with the envelope marked "FOI/PA Appeal":

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY  
NYAV BUILDING, 11<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

If you have any questions regarding this request, you may contact FOI Specialist C. Taylor at 202-307-4458.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katherine Myrick".

Katherine L. Myrick, Chief  
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit  
FOI/Records Management Section

Enclosure(s)